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His Maiesty being
grieved at the very
soule for the calamities of his good subiects in *Ireland*, and being most tenderly sensible of the false and scandalous reports dispersed amongst the people touching the rebellion there, which not onely wounds his Maiesty in honour, but likewise greatly retards the reducing of that unhappy Kingdom, and multiplies the distractions at home, by weakning the mutuall confidence

Sheweth herbert him and his people
(out of his pious Zeale to the honour
of Almighty God in establishing the
true Protestant profession in that
Kingdom, and his Princely care for
the good of all his Dominions) hath
firmely resolved with all contentment
speed to goe into Ireland, to chastise
those wicked & detestible Rebels, (odi-
ous to God and all good men) there-
by so to settle the peace of that King-
dom, and the security of this: that the
very name of feares and jealousies may
be no more heard of among us.

As his Majesty doubts not but
that his Parliament will cheerefully
give all possible assistance to this good
worke, so he requires them and all
his loving Subjects to beleve, that
he shall upon those considerations as
earnestly pursue this designe (not de-
clining any hazard of his Person, in
performing that duty which he oweth
to the defence of Gods true religion,
and his distressed Subjects) as for
these and onely these ends he under-
takes

takes it : To the sincerity of which
profession he calls God to witnesse :
both this further assurance, that his
Majesty will never consent (upon
whatsoever pretence) to a toleration
of the Popish profession there, or the
abolition of the Lawes now in force
against Popish Recusants in that
Kingdome.

His Majesty hath further thought fit
to advertise his Parliament, That to-
wards this worke, he intends to raise
forthwith by his Commissions in the
Counties neere Westchester a Guard
for his owne Person (When he shall
come into Ireland) consisting of two
thousand foot, and two hundred horse,
which shall be armed at Westchester
from his Magazin at Hull, at which
time all the Officers and soldiers shall
take the Oath of Supremacy and Alle-
giance : The charge of raising and pay-
ing whereof his Majesty desires his
Parliament to adde to their former
undertakings for that Warre : which
his Majesty will not only well accept,
but

but if their pay be found too great a
burthen to his good Subjects, his
Majesty will be willing (by the advice
of his Parliament) to sell or pawn any
of his Parks, Lands, or Woods to-
wards the supplies of the service of
Ireland: with the addition of these
Levies to the former of English and
Scots, agreed upon in the Parliament.
He hopes so to appear in this act, that
(by the assistance of the Almighty God)
in a short time that Kingdome may be
wholly reduced and restored to peace, and
some measure of happinesse, whereby he
may cheerfully retorne to be welcomed
with the affections and blessings of all
his good English people.

Towards this good worke, as his
Majesty hath lately made dispatches
into Scotland to quicken the Levies
there for Ulster, so he heartily wisheth
that his Parliament here would give
all possible expedition to those which
they have resolved for Munster and Co-
naght, and hopes the encouragement
which the Adventurers (of whose in-
terest

these his Majesty will be attuned very
carefull) will hereby receive as likewise
by the late signing of a Commission
for the Affairs of Ireland to such per-
sons as were recommended to him by
both Houses of Parliament) and shall
full payment of money for the doing
thereof.

His Majesty hath been much pleas-
ed (out of his earnest desire to remove
all occasions which doe unhappily mul-
tiply misunderstandings between him,
and his Parliament) to prepare a Bill
to be presented to them by his Majesty
concerning the Militia, whereby he
hopes the peace and safety of this King-
dome may be fully secured, to the ge-
nerall satisfaction of all men, without
violation of his Majesties just Rights,
or prejudice of the liberty of the Subject.
If this shall be thankfully received, he
is glad of it: if refused, he calls God and
all the World to witness, on whose part
the default is. One thing his Majesty re-
quires (if this Bill be approved of) That
if any Corporation shall make their
law

late full rights appeare, they may be re-
served to them.

Before his Majesty shall part from
England, he will take all due care to in-
trust such Persons with such authority
in his absence, as he shall finde to be re-
quisite for the peace and safety of this
Kingdome, and the happy progresse of
this Parliament.

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